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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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DATED: 05-09-2005

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WRIT PETITION No.19579 OF 2005

Between:

Kum. Madasu Srujana . . .Petitioner

And

The Dist. Collector, Karimnagar, and another . . .Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioner claims to have submitted an application in March, 2005, before the second respondent for issuance of a Caste Certificate under the provisions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Amendment) Act, 1976 (for short "the Act"). Her grievance is that no steps have been taken thereon. It is stated that a complaint was also made in this regard on 04-04-2005 before the first respondent.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government

Pleader for Social Welfare.

The Act prescribes the procedure for issuance of Caste Certificates to the candidates belonging to various categories. Even from the material placed by the petitioner before this Court, it is evident that while the sister-in-law of the petitioner was certified as a candidate belonging to the Scheduled Caste, the mother of the petitioner was issued a Caste Certificate stating that she is a converted Christian. The circumstances, under which, the application of the petitioner is delayed are not known. Be that as it may, once the petitioner had submitted an application for issuance of Caste Certificate, it cannot be kept pending indefinitely. The result thereon has to be communicated at the earliest possible time.

Therefore, the writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to pass appropriate orders on the application submitted by the petitioner for issuance of Caste Certificate, within four weeks from the date of receipt of this order, duly verifying her social status and the relevant factors provided for under the Act and the Rules.

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(L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J)

5th SEPTEMBER, 2005.

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